(e) Government has extended an invitation to all militant outfits to give up the path of violence and to come forward for talks within the provisions of the Constitution.

Talks with Naga rebels

1624. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his visit to Kohima in October last held talks with various groups of Naga rebels;

(b) if so, the names of the leaders and the specific Naga factions which they represent, who took part in the deliberations; and

(c) whether any specific issues were discussed during the talks and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Observations of Director, CBI at the Interpol General Assembly

1625. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the observations made by Director, CBI, in Interpol General Assembly, that corrosive activities of international criminals in the Post-Cold War year threaten all regions and nations alike and that technological advancement and globalization coupled with availability of financial and legal expertise have enabled organized crime groups to diversity their activities; and

(b) if so, in this scenario, whether Government are adequately equipped in apprehending the criminals, investigating the crimes and ultimately securing deterrent punishment to them and what is the conviction rate of such criminals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by Central Bureau of Investigation, Shri P.C. Sharma, the then Director, CBI